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DEPARTMENT PASS TREASURE FOR ASS'T SEC'Y PARSKY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, US, KU

SUBJ: KUWAIT RESPONSE TO APRIL 28 LETTER FROM PARSKY TO ATEEQI

REF: A. KUWAIT 1675 B. KUWAIT 2586 C. STATE 153513

1. WE RAISED QUESTION POSED REF C INFORMALLY WITH ABU SU'US AND ATEEQI'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FAISAL JAAFAR. ABU SU'UD DID HIS BEST TO AVOID DIRECT ANSWER AND CLAIMED THAT HIS REPLY WAS SELF-EXPLANATORY. JAAFAR WHO WAS PRESENT AT PARSKY-ATEEQI MEETING SAID THAT ATEEQI MADE CLEAR IN MEETING WITH PARSKY THAT GOK DID NOT RPT NOT WANT TO AGREE IN GENERAL TO PRIOR CONSULTATION. HE SAID ATEEQI WAS BEING DIPLOMATIC IN AGREEING TO "STUDY" ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY MATERIAL. BOTH WITH ABU SU'UD AND WITH JAAFAR WE DECIDED NOT TO PRESS ISSUE.

2. COMMENT: OUR OWN VIEW IS THAT ATEEQI DOES NOT RPT NOT WANT TO BE COMITTED TO CONSULT WITH USG IN KUWAITI INVESTMENTS IN US AS LONG AS US LAWS AND POLICIES DO NOT ABSOLUTELY REQUIRE PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION. AT SAME TIME NEITHER DOES HE WANT TO SHUT-OFF ALL POSSIBILITIES OF CONSULTATION SHOULD PRIOR CONSULTATION APPEAR TO BE WORTHWHILE IN INDIVIDUAL CASES. JAAFAR MADE THIS POINT IN EXPLAINING ATEEQI'S POSITION TO EMBOFF.

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3. THUS, GOK POSITION IS REALLY NEITHER YES OR NO AND WE THINK

THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT ATEEQI WANTS. FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW THIS
NON-POSITION GIVES HIM FLEXIBILITY WHICH HE CONSIDERS TO BE
IMPORTANT. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT UNLESS WASHINGTON DISAGREES
WE LEAVE MATTER HERE BECAUSE OUR JUDGEMENT IS IF WE PRESS ATEEQI
HE WILL OPT FOR CLEARLY STATED NEGATIVE POSITION.
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